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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

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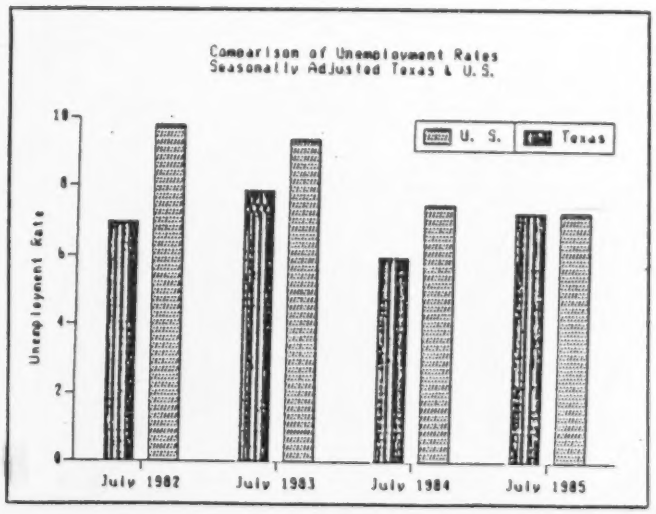
UNEMPLOYMENT UNCHANGED IN JULY

The actual unemployment rate for the State remained at 7.7 percent between June and July, as the number of jobless increased by only 800 to total 624,800 in mid-July. Although the number of unemployed re-entrants declined substantially over the month, there was a slightly larger rise in new entrants which pushed the unemployment total up somewhat. Compared to July 1984, when the rate was 6.3 percent, the current rate was up more than a full percentage point.

Total employment increased moderately in July, as an additional 107,800 persons found work. There were an estimated 7,538,800 Texas job-holders in mid-July in the actual series, still slightly below the July 1984 figure.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1985	June 1985	July 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,536.0	116,572.0	116,198.0
Unemployment	8,682.0	8,753.0	8,714.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	7.5
Total Employment	108,854.0	107,819.0	107,484.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	115,313.0	114,783.0	113,868.0
Unemployment	8,451.0	8,413.0	8,491.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.3	7.5
Total Employment	106,862.0	106,370.0	105,377.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,163.6	8,055.0	8,088.7
Unemployment	624.8	624.0	509.9
Percent Unemployed	7.7	7.7	6.3
Total Employment	7,538.8	7,431.0	7,578.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,033.0	7,931.0	7,962.0
Unemployment	589.0	573.0	475.0
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.2	6.0
Total Employment	7,444.0	7,358.0	7,487.0



The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Texas edged upward over the month from 7.2 percent in June to 7.3 percent in July. As shown on the chart, the current Texas seasonally adjusted rate equalled the National rate for the first time since 1970. Last month's actual Texas rate was higher than the Nation's, an indication that the Texas economy, which had been much stronger than that of the U. S. as a whole, has begun to show the effects of its deep involvement in the oil industry and its close attachments to the Mexican economy along the border areas. The U. S. adjusted rate was unchanged over the month, while the actual rate for the Nation slid from 7.5 percent in June to 7.4 percent in July.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	52,800	53,200	51,600	80,500	81,000	80,000	340,700	342,200	321,900
Manufacturing	5,800	5,800	5,500	9,700	9,900	10,500	42,000	42,000	40,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	1,600	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,200	5,200	4,900	29,000	29,400	26,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,800	3,000	6,300	6,300	6,600	9,500	9,500	9,100
Trade	14,600	14,600	13,800	24,700	24,700	23,900	75,100	74,900	71,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,500	4,500	4,300	25,000	24,700	22,600
Services & Misc.	12,400	12,400	12,000	16,000	15,900	15,600	79,700	79,000	71,800
Government	7,400	7,900	7,500	12,500	12,900	12,300	79,300	81,600	79,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	137,300	137,800	144,500	58,800	59,300	59,900	63,700	64,500	62,500
Manufacturing	27,500	28,000	31,600	16,600	16,700	17,400	10,200	10,300	10,900
Mining	2,800	2,800	3,000	2,100	2,200	2,400	100	100	100
Construction	9,200	9,200	9,900	6,100	6,200	7,200	3,600	3,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,500	11,700	12,000	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	34,000	33,600	34,500	11,300	11,200	11,200	18,500	18,200	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,700	2,400	2,400	2,300	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	28,100	27,900	29,000	7,800	7,600	7,600	11,900	12,000	11,700
Government	18,600	19,000	18,800	10,000	10,500	9,100	12,700	13,700	12,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	47,700	46,800	45,600	135,600	136,000	132,600	1,244.5	1,242.8	1,216.6
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,200	13,500	13,600	14,000	223.1	223.3	224.1
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	7,400	7,500	7,800	24.0	23.9	23.4
Construction	2,600	2,800	3,200	12,200	12,500	10,500	83.0	81.8	79.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,700	7,700	7,600	77.4	77.0	75.6
Trade	11,100	10,900	9,800	34,900	34,400	33,800	328.0	327.5	323.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,700	118.9	118.4	114.5
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,500	7,300	27,500	27,300	25,900	251.3	260.4	254.2
Government	17,900	17,100	17,200	26,100	26,700	26,300	128.8	130.6	121.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	173,200	175,200	169,600	485,900	487,100	469,600	72,900	74,300	70,600
Manufacturing	39,300	39,500	37,600	110,400	110,400	108,800	10,400	9,900	10,400
Mining	400	400	400	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,200	1,000
Construction	9,500	9,400	9,300	31,300	30,400	28,900	4,200	4,000	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,600	10,000	24,300	24,200	23,800	5,800	6,000	6,000
Trade	41,600	41,600	40,600	133,100	132,500	130,700	14,600	14,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,700	8,600	8,300	27,200	27,100	25,700	5,100	4,800	4,900
Services & Misc.	31,100	30,700	30,300	97,900	98,100	92,000	13,500	13,400	11,800
Government	32,900	35,400	33,100	57,100	59,800	55,000	18,200	20,700	17,600

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DROPS

Primarily seasonal losses in local government, along with scattered layoffs in manufacturing, were responsible for the loss of 3,700 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in July, as the total decreased to 6,599,500. For the first time since January 1985, the nonmanufacturing sector decreased over the month, as 2,400 jobs were deleted. Most of this decline, however, was due to the sizeable drop in government employment.

The job losses in government were concentrated in the local sector, which dropped by 17,600 in July as auxiliary personnel such as maintenance and repair workers were released by local schools. A sizeable gain in state government and a smaller one in the federal sector, due to the hiring of summer help, were insufficient to offset the much larger decline in local government.

Although oil and gas extraction reported 200 fewer jobs in July, an equal increase in the other portion of mining kept total employment in that industry at its June level. Mining has lost 2,400 positions since July 1984 and over 55,000 jobs since its peak in January 1982. Wholesale and retail trade recorded 2,900 additions over the month, as general merchandise stores added 1,300 jobs and employment in food stores expanded by 1,200.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,493.1	1,495.9	1,456.5
Manufacturing	175.2	174.5	176.3
Mining	97.9	98.0	96.0
Construction	110.7	110.9	118.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	104.5	103.8	100.4
Trade	371.0	371.1	368.5
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	117.8	117.4	109.5
Services & Misc.	342.0	341.8	322.6
Government	174.0	178.4	165.2
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	65,800	66,000	67,000
Manufacturing	15,000	15,100	15,300
Mining	4,900	5,000	4,700
Construction	4,400	4,400	5,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	16,300	16,200	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	2,900
Services & Misc.	11,000	10,700	11,200
Government	7,800	8,300	8,000
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	52,100	52,300	51,500
Manufacturing	3,300	3,400	3,600
Mining	11,800	11,900	12,900
Construction	2,700	2,800	2,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,600
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,100	8,300
Government	6,600	6,500	5,500
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	473,200	473,800	459,100
Manufacturing	50,500	50,900	51,800
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,400
Construction	36,900	37,200	35,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,300	18,300	18,400
Trade	127,100	125,300	120,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,200	35,900	34,100
Services & Misc.	102,500	102,200	99,700
Government	98,200	100,500	95,800
	TYLER		
TOTAL	62,100	62,400	59,000
Manufacturing	12,500	12,700	10,400
Mining	3,400	3,300	3,400
Construction	3,400	3,400	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	16,200	16,100	15,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	12,500	12,500	12,400
Government	7,600	7,900	7,600
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	51,200	51,800	51,200
Manufacturing	9,100	9,200	9,400
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400
Construction	2,200	2,200	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	12,700	12,600	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,500	9,500	9,400
Government	9,400	10,000	9,700

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	66,100	65,700	64,600
Manufacturing	8,800	8,600	8,900
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	4,200	3,900	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,300
Trade	16,200	16,300	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,000	2,600
Services & Misc.	12,100	11,800	11,600
Government	18,600	19,000	18,500
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	92,100	91,400	88,500
Manufacturing	8,600	8,700	8,900
Mining	500	500	600
Construction	5,200	5,100	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,100	5,000	4,600
Trade	27,000	27,300	26,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,500
Services & Misc.	19,800	19,600	19,300
Government	20,100	19,400	18,800
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	54,100	53,800	53,400
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	5,000
Mining	8,400	8,200	8,800
Construction	4,100	3,900	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,100	2,100	2,200
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,300	7,800
Government	8,000	8,000	7,700
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,000	37,100	36,800
Manufacturing	11,900	12,000	12,400
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,100	8,100	7,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,100	6,800
Government	4,600	4,700	4,800
	VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	29,900	29,800	29,500
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Mining	2,900	2,900	3,100
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,700
Trade	8,300	8,300	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,400	5,600
Government	4,100	4,000	4,000

Industry	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	33,000	33,100	31,300
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	1,500	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,300
Trade	10,100	10,100	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,100	5,000	4,900
Government	7,300	7,600	7,200
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	77,100	80,700	75,700
Manufacturing	10,700	11,200	10,300
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,600
Trade	23,600	25,200	23,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,500
Services & Misc.	12,000	12,200	11,900
Government	18,100	19,400	17,600
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	38,200	38,500	37,700
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400
Mining	900	900	900
Construction	2,600	2,700	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	9,800	10,000	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,800
Government	6,400	6,300	6,200
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	46,600	46,200	44,400
Manufacturing	7,700	7,500	7,400
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	2,000	1,800	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,800	1,900
Trade	11,900	12,000	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,800	8,500
Government	12,600	12,500	11,900
	WACO		
TOTAL	76,500	77,400	76,300
Manufacturing	15,800	15,700	16,400
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	4,500	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,600
Trade	19,300	19,500	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	5,000	5,000
Services & Misc.	17,500	17,400	16,900
Government	10,900	11,300	11,100

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

2/ In Thousands.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1985*	June 1985**	July 1984**	Change From June 1985	Change From July 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,599,500	6,603,200	6,440,700	-3,700	158,800
Manufacturing	1,000,700	1,002,000	1,002,400	-1,300	-1,700
Durable Goods	585,400	584,400	584,400	1,000	1,000
Lumber & Wood Products	41,800	41,400	43,400	400	-1,600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	7,400	100	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	17,300	17,300	17,200	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	50,700	50,500	49,500	200	1,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	25,500	25,400	23,200	100	2,300
Primary Metal Industries	35,200	35,500	34,400	-300	800
Fabricated Metal Industries	84,800	84,800	83,200	0	1,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,800	43,800	43,600	0	200
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,900	129,700	133,900	200	-4,000
Oil Field Machinery	39,600	39,900	39,200	-300	400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	111,800	112,000	110,600	-200	1,200
Transportation Equipment	79,200	78,300	76,800	900	2,400
Aircraft & Parts	41,000	40,800	38,800	200	2,200
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,400	23,000	-100	-700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,400	12,500	12,400	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	415,300	417,600	418,000	-2,300	-2,700
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	99,000	94,800	-1,400	2,800
Meat Products	26,700	27,100	25,500	-400	1,200
Dairy Products	5,500	5,500	5,300	0	200
Bakery Products	11,800	11,800	10,300	0	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,700	5,000	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	58,200	58,800	62,200	-600	-4,000
Paper & Allied Products	23,600	23,700	23,800	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	73,400	73,100	71,700	300	1,700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	37,100	37,100	35,900	0	1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,300	76,800	77,000	-500	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	40,600	40,700	41,900	-100	-1,300
Petroleum Refining	37,400	37,500	38,700	-100	-1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,400	7,800	300	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	33,200	33,400	33,800	-200	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,598,800	5,601,200	5,438,300	-2,400	160,500
Mining	269,000	269,000	271,400	0	-2,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	259,200	259,400	261,800	-200	-2,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,800	9,600	9,600	200	200
Construction	447,700	446,400	437,400	1,300	10,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,400	377,800	373,200	600	5,200
Railroad Transportation	24,000	24,000	25,500	0	-1,500
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,700	186,500	178,500	200	8,200
Transportation by Air	40,800	40,300	37,900	500	2,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	87,000	86,900	89,500	100	-2,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	80,700	80,400	79,700	300	1,000
Electric Services	45,200	45,100	44,600	100	600
Gas Production & Distribution	29,000	28,900	29,200	100	-200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,650,500	1,647,600	1,618,600	2,900	31,900
Wholesale Trade	428,800	428,400	431,000	400	-2,200
Retail Trade	1,221,700	1,219,200	1,187,600	2,500	34,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	57,700	58,200	55,700	-500	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	158,000	156,700	153,200	1,300	4,800
Food Stores	218,300	217,100	211,700	1,200	6,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	140,700	140,000	137,600	700	3,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,800	80,500	80,300	300	500
Other Retail Trade	566,200	566,700	549,100	-500	17,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	429,100	428,700	418,000	400	11,100
Banking	107,200	106,800	105,200	400	2,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	131,600	131,100	127,900	500	3,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	190,300	190,800	184,900	-500	5,400
Services	1,322,000	1,321,000	1,265,000	1,000	57,000
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	80,900	81,600	79,000	-700	1,900
Personal Services	82,800	82,700	77,800	100	5,000
Business & Repair Services	370,600	370,400	353,800	200	16,800
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	70,900	70,300	54,300	600	16,600
Health Services	344,100	343,600	343,400	500	700
Educational Services	50,000	50,500	48,900	-500	1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	322,700	321,900	307,800	800	14,900
Total Government	1,102,100	1,110,700	1,054,700	-8,600	47,400
Total Federal Government	189,500	187,100	178,100	2,400	11,400
Total State Government	268,600	262,000	242,400	6,600	26,200
Total Local Government	644,000	661,600	634,200	-17,600	9,800

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**	July'85*	June'85**	July'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,900	64,100	64,600	104,300	103,000	105,100	400,200	395,300	381,600
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,600	3,000	6,200	6,400	5,000	20,200	20,400	13,700
Percent Unemployed	5.9	5.6	4.6	5.9	6.2	4.8	5.0	5.2	3.6
Total Employment 2/	61,100	60,500	61,600	98,100	96,600	100,100	380,000	375,400	367,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,900	176,400	187,600	86,200	85,200	87,200	94,800	94,600	95,500
Total Unemployment	26,500	25,400	22,400	7,900	7,700	5,700	14,100	14,800	13,800
Percent Unemployed	14.7	14.4	11.9	9.2	9.0	6.5	14.9	15.6	14.5
Total Employment 2/	153,400	151,000	165,200	78,300	77,500	81,500	80,700	79,800	81,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	56,900	57,300	176,600	173,900	174,400	1,346.9	1,321.7	1,327.8
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,000	2,400	17,200	16,300	15,500	70.2	69.4	51.5
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.3	4.2	9.7	9.4	8.9	5.2	5.3	3.9
Total Employment 2/	56,000	53,900	54,900	159,400	157,600	158,900	1,276.7	1,252.3	1,276.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	209,500	210,000	206,700	635,100	623,300	622,400	99,500	99,500	97,000
Total Unemployment	24,900	26,100	21,000	35,800	33,400	26,400	11,900	11,600	9,800
Percent Unemployed	11.9	12.4	10.2	5.6	5.4	4.2	12.0	11.7	10.1
Total Employment 2/	184,600	183,900	185,700	599,300	589,900	596,000	87,600	87,900	87,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,737.1	1,709.6	1,716.8	82,300	80,600	80,700	40,600	40,200	40,700
Total Unemployment	146.6	144.2	122.2	6,100	5,900	4,800	5,900	6,200	7,000
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.4	7.1	7.4	7.3	5.9	14.5	15.4	17.2
Total Employment 2/	1,590.5	1,565.4	1,594.6	76,200	74,700	75,900	34,700	34,000	33,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,400	78,600	81,200	115,000	114,900	113,600	117,500	122,800	118,200
Total Unemployment	8,400	8,700	6,900	7,600	10,100	6,500	24,800	24,200	24,800
Percent Unemployed	10.6	11.1	8.5	6.6	8.8	5.7	21.1	19.7	21.0
Total Employment 2/	71,000	69,900	74,300	107,400	104,800	107,100	92,700	98,500	93,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,500	65,300	67,600	70,300	69,000	70,700	52,500	51,300	52,000
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,400	2,900	4,500	4,400	3,800	3,100	3,200	2,300
Percent Unemployed	5.4	5.2	4.3	6.4	6.4	5.4	5.9	6.2	4.4
Total Employment 2/	62,900	61,900	64,700	65,800	64,600	66,900	49,400	48,600	49,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	555,000	547,400	545,700	44,200	43,400	43,700	53,600	52,900	51,000
Total Unemployment	37,200	38,200	29,500	3,500	3,500	2,300	4,700	5,000	3,900
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	5.4	7.9	8.1	5.3	8.8	9.5	7.6
Total Employment 2/	517,800	509,200	516,200	40,700	39,900	41,400	48,900	47,900	47,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	83,100	82,400	83,200	39,500	39,200	39,600	95,200	93,300	95,200
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,500	4,400	3,000	3,000	2,400	6,300	5,700	4,500
Percent Unemployed	6.6	6.7	5.3	7.6	7.7	6.1	6.6	6.1	4.7
Total Employment 2/	77,600	76,900	78,800	36,500	36,200	37,200	88,900	88,100	90,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	63,000	62,500	64,300				8,163.6	8,055.0	8,088.7
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,800	3,000				624.8	624.0	509.9
Percent Unemployed	5.9	6.1	4.7				7.7	7.7	6.3
Total Employment 2/	59,300	58,700	61,300				7,538.8	7,431.0	7,578.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July± 1985	June 1985	July 1984	July± 1985	June 1985	July 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 381.64	$ 384.81	$ 373.43	40.6	41.2	41.4	$ 9.40	$ 9.34	$ 9.02
Durable Goods	377.92	385.40	362.56	40.9	41.8	41.2	9.24	9.22	8.80
Lumber & Wood Products	271.22	266.11	255.58	40.3	39.6	39.2	6.73	6.72	6.52
Furniture & Fixtures	247.00	246.02	214.56	38.0	39.3	36.0	6.50	6.26	5.96
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	386.26	384.83	350.17	44.5	44.8	42.6	8.68	8.59	8.22
Primary Metal Industries	420.04	423.12	418.84	41.1	41.2	41.8	10.22	10.27	10.02
Fabricated Metal Products	359.92	362.66	344.83	40.9	41.4	41.1	8.80	8.76	8.39
Machinery, exc. Electric	393.41	413.23	378.16	40.6	43.0	42.3	9.69	9.61	8.94
Oil Field Machinery	468.00	491.49	468.70	41.6	43.0	43.6	11.25	11.43	10.75
Electric & Electronic Equip.	398.21	408.78	390.04	40.8	41.5	41.1	9.76	9.85	9.49
Transportation Equipment	494.48	515.76	491.31	40.3	42.0	42.1	12.27	12.28	11.67
Instruments & Related Prod.	314.36	309.68	292.59	39.1	39.3	38.6	8.04	7.88	7.58
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	254.15	260.55	280.14	39.1	39.9	40.6	6.50	6.53	6.90
Nondurable Goods	385.36	382.85	386.46	40.1	40.3	41.6	9.61	9.50	9.29
Food & Kindred Products	327.66	321.03	340.61	41.9	41.0	43.5	7.82	7.83	7.83
Meat Products	288.18	262.10	300.55	43.4	40.2	45.4	6.64	6.52	6.62
Malt Beverages	853.23	817.02	757.63	51.0	49.1	47.5	16.73	16.64	15.95
Textile Mill Products	284.09	295.54	280.98	40.7	42.1	42.0	6.98	7.02	6.69
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	177.33	192.83	183.86	34.5	36.8	37.6	5.14	5.24	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	421.45	424.45	434.23	41.4	41.9	44.4	10.18	10.13	9.78
Printing & Publishing	358.29	359.20	349.67	39.2	39.3	40.1	9.14	9.14	8.72
Chemicals & Allied Products	633.14	621.29	609.18	43.1	42.7	42.6	14.69	14.55	14.30
Petroleum & Coal Products	570.31	554.60	602.25	41.0	40.6	43.8	13.91	13.66	13.75
Petroleum Refining	589.37	572.46	624.26	41.1	40.6	43.9	14.34	14.10	14.22
Leather & Leather Products	196.27	197.58	196.94	37.6	37.0	37.3	5.22	5.34	5.28
Other Nondurable Goods	362.03	362.75	357.85	41.0	41.6	42.5	8.83	8.72	8.42
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	480.63	483.55	477.18	43.3	43.8	46.6	11.10	11.04	10.24
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.70	482.65	479.98	43.1	43.6	46.6	11.13	11.07	10.30
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	516.11	506.06	420.36	49.2	48.8	46.5	10.49	10.37	9.04
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	458.62	457.45	427.79	39.4	39.3	39.5	11.64	11.64	10.83
Elec., Gas & San. Services	455.31	467.81	430.94	39.8	41.0	40.2	11.44	11.41	10.72
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.79	231.44	235.25	33.4	33.3	34.8	6.91	6.95	6.76
Wholesale Trade	373.32	374.37	366.83	39.8	39.7	40.4	9.38	9.43	9.08
Retail Trade	186.20	186.24	192.06	31.4	31.3	33.0	5.93	5.95	5.82
General Merchandise Stores	183.29	183.29	165.85	30.6	30.6	31.0	5.99	5.99	5.35
Banking	270.66	280.21	263.98	38.5	39.3	39.4	7.03	7.13	6.70

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 374.42	$ 377.57	$ 356.79	41.1	41.4	41.2	$ 9.11	$ 9.12	$ 8.66
Durable Goods	392.47	396.03	371.90	41.4	41.6	41.6	9.48	9.52	8.94
Nondurable Goods	335.34	338.25	326.84	40.5	41.1	40.5	8.28	8.23	8.07
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	385.15	392.18	362.91	40.8	41.5	41.1	9.44	9.45	8.83
Durable Goods	400.77	410.59	376.48	40.4	41.6	41.1	9.92	9.87	9.16
Nondurable Goods	346.11	349.02	326.79	41.7	41.5	40.9	8.30	8.41	7.99
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.59	476.53	455.39	42.2	42.7	42.6	11.27	11.16	10.69
Durable Goods	407.38	426.38	398.82	41.4	43.2	42.7	9.84	9.87	9.34
Nondurable Goods	569.40	546.46	532.95	43.3	42.1	42.5	13.15	12.98	12.54
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	282.98	284.21	266.00	39.8	40.2	40.0	7.11	7.07	6.65
Durable Goods	308.18	307.60	288.86	41.2	41.4	40.8	7.48	7.43	7.08
Nondurable Goods	259.78	261.97	243.66	38.6	39.1	39.3	6.73	6.70	6.20

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

The construction industry recorded a new record high in July, with a total of 447,700 jobs at mid-month. Continued lower interest rates combined with good weather and the availability of summer laborers to push employment up in this industry. Most service sectors recorded moderate growth over the month, adding an additional 1,000 to the total for the industry.

The busiest part of the vacation season provided the impetus for an increase of 500 in air transportation, the largest gain recorded in transportation and public utilities. Finance, insurance and real estate registered a total of 400 new jobs, as gains and losses among its segments partially nullified one another.

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Continued declines in the nondurable goods sector were primarily responsible for the loss of 1,300 jobs in manufacturing. There were slightly more than one million factory jobs in July, but the current level was 1,700 below the July 1984 estimate. Durable goods did record some expansion, with 1,000 jobs added over the month. The largest of these gains occurred in transportation equipment, where several sectors reflected increased hiring. Employers in lumber and wood products also augmented payrolls in July.

Most other durable goods industries registered small increases or minor declines over the month. Only two hard goods sectors showed over-the-year losses -- non-electrical machinery, which dropped 4,000 jobs, and lumber and wood products, which was 1,600 below the July 1984 level.

Of the decreases in nondurable goods, the largest was in food and kindred products, which dropped by 1,400 as a meat packing plant closed and the tomato packing season ended in July. Apparel and other finished textile products suffered layoffs which idled 600 workers over the month. This industry has lost 4,000 jobs since July 1984, as competition from foreign apparel makers continues to erode jobs. The only nondurable goods industry which recorded growth both over the month and during the past year was printing and publishing.

HOURLY EARNINGS RISE, HOURS DROP

There were an estimated 656,300 Texas manufacturing production workers in July, down 1,900 from June. Average weekly hours declined 0.6 hour to 40.6 hours per week in July, while average hourly earnings, at $9.40, were up by 6¢. The drop in hours worked pushed average weekly earnings down by $3.17 over the month, to $381.64. Compared to July 1984, average weekly hours were down 0.8 hour but average hourly earnings had risen 38¢ over the year, raising average weekly earnings by $8.21.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1985	July 1984
Total Population	16,254,400	15,989,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.4
UI Covered Employers	311,058	301,220
Total Claims Actions	500,986	409,136
Total Initial Claims Actions	66,378	60,459
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	434,608	348,677
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$143.87	$135.48
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$53,829,067	$46,965,520
Total Placements	46,455	49,338

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.